

Dear Foster,

Park of Artillery Near Morris. Town
March 19th 1700.

Previous to my departure from Windsor I had for several Weeks, in vain visited the Post-Office in Hartford for a Letter from my friend. A mortifying disappointment was what I always met with; I will, however, rather impute ^{it} to the severity of the Weather which no doubt prevented the Post from performing his duty, than any neglect in You. This is a conclusion which perhaps my Pride has as great a share in as my friendly disposition towards you: but this is only a conjecture of mine; You may probably determine aright on the matter. — Why I have not wrote you before now since my leaving Connecticut is owing to the unsettled state in which I have ever since been. The 12th January I left Windsor & after suffering eight days violent fatigue & very severe cold I arrived at Morris. Town where, the fatigue and cold I had suffered in the journey in conjunction with the old disorder which I have not yet got rid of, after eight or ten Days, made it necessary for me to take up my Quarters within the vicinity of the general Hospital near Pluckemin, where I have continued ever since till within this day or two, but am now happily settled in Camp tho' not quite

well as I could wish, yet I hope in a fair way
for a perfect recovery). —

The good news of importance in this Quarter is
is an account of the present favourable situation of
affairs in Ireland the particulars of which you
no doubt have heard & are now happy in the
knowledge of. There is also a prospect of settling
a Cartel for the general exchange of Prisoners,
a circumstance I am happy in reflecting on as it
will be the means of restoring some of our most
valuable Officers to the generous use of their sword
in behalf of their injured Country. — There is
many various conjectures respecting what may
turn up during the course of the ensuing Cam-
paign here; Some very sanguinely flatter them-
selves with an early cessation of Arms by a
general pacification; — This however distant is most
devoutly to be wished on our part, that some
effectual remedies may be applied to the ma-
ny disorders too apparent, from the present
disposition of our People, in our Constitution. ~~The~~
~~A~~ considerable revolution must take place; the
want of Public Virtue, or perhaps the designs of
the intriguing part of the Community, will make
it inevitable. ~~The foregoing~~ Postponing the regulation
of Prices have given an additional stab to the
Currency, of which it will be ^{with} difficulty to be recovered
and no doubt but something or other will constant-
ly be apply'd as a cure which will produce effects

diametrically Opposite; in short I am out of all hopes that it will ever be restored to its much wanted vigour.

The Provision issued to our Brigade is but very barely sufficient to support it, what remains of it is, however, pretty well clothed, which I believe is the situation of the Army in general & I might add ^{as is customary,} they are in pretty good spirits; This in part may be true, but it is certain that great part of the Pennsylvania Line is very much discontented from a dispute between the officers and soldiers respecting the enlistments of the latter, many of whom contend they were listed but for three years while their officers insist on their being enlisted during the War. This dispute caused such frequent desertions while those troops were on command on the Line, that it was thought expedient to man the Line with the Troops from Connecticut alone.

I shall conclude with again requesting you to pursue the subject of your first favour to me since my departure from Providence, which is all I have had the pleasure of receiving from my Friend Foster. I have requested to be remembered to all my acquaintances in a Letter to Joseph Rogers which accompanies this from your sincerely affectionate friend Sam^l Colman

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Dwight Foster Esq.
Post. Providence

Letter from
Samuel Johnson Esq.
Comptroller of the Treasury
Nov. 20th 1790
Qu. at Bristol, N. H. 4:25 H. 1790